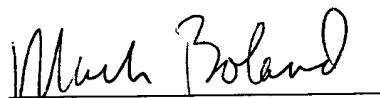


REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

8.(Amended) The carrier for cell culture according to claim 18, wherein the polypeptide-modified portion is formed with an aqueous gel containing an extracellular matrix component.